

WEALTHY MANUFACTURER DRINKS GLASS OF POISONED BEER AND DIES

Sudden Death of George F. Leyh Supposed to Have Been Result of Carefully Planned Murder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—An investigation by the coroner into the sudden death on Tuesday of George F. Leyh, a wealthy truss manufacturer in Brooklyn, has developed considerable of a mystery. The investigation is proceeding.

Leyh was over 50 years of age and is said to have possessed an estate of more than \$300,000. It was his custom to eat luncheon in the rear of his place of business. With his daughters he made his home in apartments above.

On Tuesday the luncheon was brought as usual and Leyh went into the cellar for a bottle of beer. He took it from a case containing 20 bottles. On taking off the top he found the beer flat, but drank part of a glass. It tasted badly and he called to the office boy to taste the beverage which, he said, was bitter. The boy put the glass to his lips and said the same Leyh arose and started across the room. Suddenly he fell and died in 20 minutes.

The doctors found that his death was caused by a strong poison. At first it was believed the stuff had been placed in the bottle for safe keeping and that Leyh had taken the fatal draught by mistake; but a study of the whole affair is said to have convinced the coroner that the top of the bottle had been taken off and that a large quantity of poison was poured into the beer and the bottle put back into the case where, as Leyh drank one bottle daily, it was only a question of time when he would take it. The beer that remained in the bottle and glass used showed a quantity of sediment.

An autopsy will be performed and the contents of the bottle analyzed to learn the nature of the poison.

SON OF KIT CARSON DIES FROM SPIDER BITE

Old Sam Carson, Hunter, Trapper and Indian Fighter, Found Dead in His Mountain Home.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 4.—Aged Sam Carson has been found dead in his hut far up in the Santa Monica cañon. He had been bitten by a spider.

Carson was about 83 years old and claimed to be a son of the renowned scout "Kit" Carson. May years the old man had lived at the head of Huckle cañon, with only his horses and dogs for companions.

Before taking up his abode in the mountains the stories are that Carson had a most picturesque career as a pioneer gold hunter, Indian fighter and adventurer.

DUEL IN NEW MEXICO

City Marshal Kills Citizen—Further Trouble is Anticipated.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 4.—City Marshal Felipe Baca of Socorro

shot and killed David Baca, a prominent citizen, at the Windsor hotel. There had been trouble of long standing between the men. After some words in the hotel office, Baca went out the main door. The marshal followed by a side door and opened fire on Baca. He fired four times, one shot taking effect in the right shoulder, the other in the groin. A bullet fired by Baca passed through the marshal's hat, grazing his head. The marshal was arrested. Further trouble is anticipated.

NEWS FROM RIO

Prominent Woman Commits Suicide—American Minister Leaves.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Miss Murinelly, mother of the secretary of the Swiss consul, has committed suicide here while suffering from neurasthenia, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The affair has caused a sensation in the diplomatic corps.

Charles F. Bryan, American minister will leave on Thursday for New York. Antonio de Rico Blanco, minister of foreign affairs, who has returned from Europe, met with a grand reception. He was landed from the steamer in the historical Felucca, which is used only on extraordinary occasions. The streets of the city and shipping in the harbor were decorated with flags in his honor.

RECEIVES LIFE SENTENCE

Returns From Penitentiary and Murders His Wife.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The jury in the case of William J. Nelson, on trial in Judge McEwen's court for the murder of his wife, returned a verdict of guilty last night and fixed the defendant's punishment at imprisonment for life.

Nelson returned to Chicago last summer after finishing a term in the Joliet penitentiary. Finding that his wife had transferred her affections to another and failing to induce her to return to him, he shot and killed her.

MEXICO AND GOOD MONEY

American Banker Discussing Advantages of Establishing Gold Basis.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4.—George D. Cook, a banker of Chicago and New York, who is here, has had several audiences with high officials of the government. It is rumored that he has stated to the government the opinion of New York bankers on the advisability of putting Mexico on a gold basis. It is stated that he promised the aid of the American bankers in helping the government adopt a gold standard. There is much interest in the object of his visit.

INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dual Track Meets Arranged for the Leading Universities.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 4.—It is announced by Captain Thomas of the Yale Athletic association that a dual track meet has been arranged between Yale and Princeton athletic teams. The meet will be held in this city on May 9 next. The track meet between Harvard and Yale will be held in Cambridge on May 23 and the intercollegiate track meet at Berkeley Oval on May 26.

CONCHA NOT RECALLED

Colombian Minister at Washington Decries Having Been Recalled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Jose E. Vicente Concha, Colombian minister, who was announced to have been recalled by his government is in his city. He denies having been recalled and asserts he left his post only on temporary leave of absence, for which arrangements had been made long before the Panama canal treaty negotiations had entered their present stage.

SAILS FOR VENEZUELA

British Cruiser Now Enroute for Obstinate Republic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Acting under urgent orders the British cruiser Indefatigable sailed for La Guayra, Venezuela, on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Herald dispatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad.

PROMINENT CHICAGOIAN DEAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—William H. Purdy, ex-commissioner of public works of the city of Chicago, is dead at his home here.

Mr. Purdy came to Chicago from Baltimore in 1857 and for many years he was engaged in railroad service as an assistant superintendent of machinery of the Illinois Central railroad. Retiring from railroad service he was appointed commissioner of public works, serving in that capacity under the administration of the elder Carter Harrison and Dewitt C. Reid.

Mr. Purdy is survived by a widow and two children, Mrs. Frank W. Baker of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Mrs. Philip E. Harroun of Berkeley, Cal.

SWELL YACHTING PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Howard Gould and a party will start, it is announced, on a trip around the world on his steam yacht Niagara on December 10. The cruise will last six months.

PERSONAL MENTION

William Jaw is in the city from Seattle.

F. O. Seaton is in the city from Portland.

H. Miller was in the city yesterday from Brookfield.

Ph. E. Butler, an iron man of Portland, is in the city.

Miss Mary Leahy of Olney was an Astoria visitor yesterday.

Postmaster Hans Peterson of Altoona spent yesterday in the city.

Hugh McCormick, the Wise rancher, was in the city yesterday.

Captain Harry Haslam of Cathlamet spent yesterday in the city.

A. J. Johnson, the eminent florist, has returned from a trip to Portland.

H. A. Ellsworth and wife arrived in the city yesterday from Wasco, this state.

Ralph Harder was in the city yesterday from his home on the Lewis and Clark.

H. A. Cameron, a citizen of Knappa, was doing business in the city yesterday.

W. E. McPherson, proprietor of the Gilman hotel of Portland, arrived in the city last night and registered at the Parker house.

H. E. Gist, the well known representative of the California Saw Works company, who impersonates with much success the king of England, is in the city, crying his wares.

ARMY TRANSFER SERVICE BY WAY OF SEATTLE

Lowest Bid Submitted by Boston Firm by That Route—Conference of Departmental Heads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Secretary Root had a conference today with Quartermaster-General Ludington and Colonel Patton, in charge of the army transport service, with regard to bids recently received for the transportation of troops and military supplies between the Pacific coast and the Philippines.

The lowest bid received was that of a Boston company running steamships between Seattle and Manila. It was at rates much below the regular commission rates. The main question to be determined is whether the rates offered by the Boston company will justify the government in the abandonment of the army transport service across the Pacific.

TO EXPORT NEGROES

Scheme to Send Colored Cotton Men To Africa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the African Trade section of the Liverpool chamber of commerce, says a London dispatch to the Times, Sir Alfred L. Jones, president of the chamber, read a letter from Asa Thomson of Gainesville, Ga., in reference to the West African Cotton Growers' experiments.

Mr. Thomson stated that a large number of colored cotton growers of the southern states would be glad, under favorable conditions, to engage in farming in West Africa. He suggested that free transportation by British steamships and railroads be provided for them.

WORK IS TIED UP

Lack of Water Compels Railroad Operations to Cease.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4.—Freight traffic is at a complete standstill on a portion of the Kusk-Kharokoff railroad in consequence of the water supply giving out. At Los Olivos alone 2000 loaded trucks are tied up. A fall of snow is anxiously awaited in order that snow water may be available for the locomotives. The only means of overcoming the difficulty seems to be to pipe water from the Samar river at a cost of \$250,000.

SUGAR GOES UP

Circular Issued by Company Notifying a Rise in Price.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The Western Sugar Refining company today sent out circulars to all wholesale grocery houses in California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington, notifying them that until further notice, the price of all grades of refined sugar would stand advanced 40 cents per 100 pounds.

LARGEST GUN IN THE WORLD

The new sixteen inch gun recently built for the U. S. government is the largest in the world. It is the most powerful weapon devised by man, and has taken years to construct. The best and most reliable medicine ever compounded is the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitter, introduced over fifty years ago and containing only such ingredients as will be helpful to the entire system. It therefore commends itself to all persons suffering from sick headache, nervousness, insomnia, indigestion, dyspepsia, chills, or malaria, fever and ague. Be sure to give it a trial. It has never been known to fail and can therefore be relied on in your case. The genuine is for sale by all druggists and has our private stamp over the neck of the bottle.

PICTURES FOR XMAS

NOTHING more acceptable than a beautiful picture. We have them to suit every one. Handsomely framed copies of Masterpieces in Etchings, Steel Engravings, Artotypes, Oil Paintings and Water Colors. Never before have we been able to show such an assortment. If you don't see what you want ask for it. We are sure we can please you. Our prices are lower than ever before. Call and be convinced.

CHAS. HEILBORN & SON

DEATH LIST REDUCED

Not Nearly So Many Lives Lost by Eruption as Supposed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—From the Guatemalan coast the Pacific mail steamer City of Sydney brings the news that the deaths resulting from the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano amounted to about 3000. This estimate is based upon the latest information that had been received at San Jose de Guatemala previous to the Sydney's departure from this port, but it is accompanied by the statement of Guatemalans that reliable information was still difficult to obtain. This death list is considerably smaller than that previously reported.

NEW TODAY

Gaston sells feed, grain and hay.

Plumbing, tinning, gas and steam fitting at lowest rates and in workmanlike manner. Orders promptly executed. Shop, No. 45, Bond street JOHN A. MONTGOMERY.

WANTED 5 YOUNG MEN from Astoria to at once prepare for Positions in the Government Service. Apply to Inter-State Conv. Inst. Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimneys than any other coal on the market. George W. Sanborn, agent, Telephone 1311.

Everything made of leather would last three times as long, be stronger, keep shape, and be soft and clean and pleasant to touch, if oiled as it ought to be, with Vacuum Leather Oil—For sale by Fisher Bros.

MASONIC NOTICE

Temple lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a special meeting this evening—work. All sojourning brothers are invited to attend.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers' association will be held at the office of the company, at Astoria, Ore., on December 8, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors, and for such other business as may properly be considered. By order of the president, GEO. H. GEORGE, Secretary.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Republican Ticket

For City Attorney F. D. WINTON. Councilman, First Ward H. M. LEATHERS. Councilman, Second Ward JAMES W. WELCH JAMES J. ROBINSON. Councilman, Third Ward C. A. LEINENWEBER.

VOTE FOR

ALBERT M. SMITH Citizen-Labor Union Candidate for City Attorney.

VOTE FOR

JOHN SVENSON Citizen-Labor Union Candidate for Councilman in Second Ward

VOTE FOR

GEORGE KABOTH Citizen-Labor Union Candidate for Councilman in First Ward

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Astoria National Bank

at Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Stocks, Banking house, furniture, and fixtures, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Total \$558,624.94

State of Oregon, county of Clatsop.

I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. GEO. H. GEORGE, W. M. H. BARKER, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1902.

GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

JAPANESE GOODS JUST THE THING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Bamboo Furniture, Chinaware, Baskets, Silk Handkerchiefs and Fans, Trays, Shells and Shell Work. A LARGE ASSORTMENT AT LOW PRICES. Yokohama Bazaar, 626 Commercial St.

A CARLOAD OF FURNITURE. Just received from the East. The great saving in freight and wholesalers' profits made by buying in carload lots direct from the factory goes to BENEFIT OUR CUSTOMERS. While our present shipment lasts you can buy at prices never before announced in Astoria. H. H. ZAPP, - - - The House Furnisher. THE CELEBRATED WEBFOOT FLOUR Fisher Bros., 546-550 Bond St.

Fancy and Staple Groceries. FLOUR, FEED, PROVISIONS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS. Supplies of all kinds at lowest rates, for fishermen, Farmers and Loggers. A. V. ALLEN Tenth and Commercial Streets

Castings. IRON, STEEL, BRASS and BRONZE. Scow Bay Iron & Brass Works. We are prepared to make them on short notice and of the best material. Let us give you estimates on any kind of castings or pattern work. Lowest prices for first-class work. TELEPHONE NO. 2451. Cor. 10th and Franklin ave.

FURNITURE At Prices You Can Afford to Pay. Fancy Rockers \$2.50 UP. Art Squares. Rugs. Carpets. Mirrors. Cannot Be Undersold. ROBINSON'S

Complete Treatment FOR EVERY Humour Price \$1.00. CUTICURA SOAP, to cleanse the skin of eruptions and scales and soften the thickened cuticle, CUTICURA OINTMENT, to instantly allay itching, inflammation, and irritation, and soothe and heal, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT PILLS, to cool and cleanse the blood. A SINGLE SET of these great skin curatives is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, crusted, scaly, and pimply skin, scalp, and blood humours, with loss of hair, when all else fails. Millions of People Use CUTICURA SOAP, endorsed by CUTICURA CUTICURA, for preventing, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for removing the scalp of dandruff, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and restoring red, rough, and sore hands, for better raising, whitening, and cleaning, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Millions of Women use CUTICURA SOAP in the form of bath for soothing irritations, inflammations, and excoriations, or for free or excessive perspiration, in the form of washes for skin eruptions, and for many other purposes, and for many other purposes, and for many other purposes. CUTICURA RESOLVENT PILLS (Chocolate Coated) are a new, reliable, effective, and non-toxic medicine for the elimination of the blood. They are as well as for all other blood purifiers and blood tonics. In every case, containing 10 doses, price \$1.00. Sold everywhere. Beware of cheap imitations. The name is on the wrapper. CUTICURA, Sole Proprietors, J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U. S. A.

NOT A RELIEF BUT A CURE. PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC GIVES IMMEDIATE RELIEF. I have been trying through the druggists here to obtain another bottle of my pile specific, as I have been a sufferer from them off and on for some years. I saw the ad in the P. I. of Seattle, Wash, some time in May last. At that time I was 100 miles north of Seattle, so I went to Seattle and found it. I have used it up and have been trying to get more. It has helped me very much, more so than anything I have ever used, and I have been very anxious to use another bottle. Yours respectfully H. B. CHANDLER. PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC. These tiny capsules are superior to Balsam of Capivi, Cubes or injections and CURE IN 48 HOURS the same diseases without inconvenience. Sold by all Druggists.